

Allowance

Response to Amendment

1. The declaration filed on October 15, 2007 under 37 CFR 1.131 is sufficient to overcome the previous 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of Warbeg (previously cited) in view of Kushner (previously cited).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 23-43 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention pertains to a corkscrew. It is the examiner's opinion that the art of record considered as a whole, alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious first and second latch means in combination with a carriage and a guide member, wherein said first latch means is adapted to releasably engage the guide member to the corkscrew body and the second latch means comprises an elongate plate extending from a lower flange portion for releasably engaging the guide member to the carriage together in combination with the rest of the limitations or the independent claims.

4. The closest prior art consists of; Warbeg (previously cited), Kushner (previously cited), Cheung (7069825), Cheung (7069813) and Brucart (EP 1215165). While all of these references disclose corkscrews with similar structures, none of the references have a valid date after taking the 37 CFR 1.131 into account.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT SCRUGGS whose telephone number is (571)272-8682. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:30.

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